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eHealth Care Quality and Patient Safety Board Information Exchange Workgroup

June 29, 2006

Location: 1 W. Wilson Street, Room B372, Madison

Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Members

- John Hartman
- Scott Novogoratz
- Susan Turney
- Denise Webb
- Louis Wenzlow
- Hugh Zettel (Chair)

Staff

- Alison Bergum
- Larry Hanrahan
- Stacia Jankowski

Guest

- Nancy Nankivil Bennett

Resources

- Keith Haugrud
- Terry Hiltz
- Matt Miszewski
- Vinny Taneja
- Herb Thompson
- Lorna Will

Administration

Minutes

The minutes from June 22 were approved as written.

State of Wisconsin health care information technology infrastructure synergy

Matt Miszewski provided an overview of the following initiatives being undertaken by the state:

- BadgerNet, a statewide area network, which provides broadband access statewide. Beginning in August this could be leveraged by both public and private groups. Costs for private corporations looking at this method for acquiring broadband access depends on location and current availability of broadband access, but will be at a substantially lower cost, particularly in areas with no fiber in the ground. Mr. Miszewski reported that the process is being finalized.
- Ways to integrate data across systems in a standardized format. Mr. Miszewski reported that the Department of Administration is looking at ways to do this, possibly by connecting the tribes through a common network.
- The state's data center, which has 53,000 square feet, and some floor space available for other uses.

Hugh Zettel asked for more information on the health information technology infrastructure, particularly along the lines of strategies for a master person index. He

expressed interest in opportunities similar to those of the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. Mr. Miszweski said he was willing to do this at a later date in conjunction with Denise Webb and Herb Thompson.

Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO)

Nancy Nankivil Bennett reported on the Wisconsin Health Information Organization (WHIO), as one of the staff resources. She provided a presentation to the group prior to the meeting that included information on WHIO's mission, structure, history, business relationships, data, and next steps.

Ms. Nankivil Bennett reported that WHIO became a 501(c)(3) last year and represents multiple health care stakeholders. Five providers are currently on the Board of Directors and have committed to putting their claims administrative data in the system developed. A physician cabinet is being developed by tapping into the Wisconsin Medical Society Patient Quality Forum. Ms. Nankivil Bennett said that they are currently recruiting an executive director. About 50 applications were received, and the interviews are beginning for the top candidates. WHIO is looking to hire in the next month, if possible.

WHIO's priority is to establish a data repository for data and cost quality analysis. As part of this process, they have completed a Request for Information (RFI) in March 2006, and had 18 vendors express interest. The vendor chosen will need to be able to complete the data aggregation, analysis, and output.

The following questions were asked by members:

- Denise Webb asked about the duplication of claims in light of aggregating data from multiple payers. Ms. Nankivil Bennett responded that scrubbing and deduplication of the data would be necessary as part of the data production process.
- Mr. Zettel asked about the percentage of covered individuals the depository will represent once the data is collected. Ms. Nankivil Bennett responded that she did not have the exact numbers, but noted that a large number of individuals will not be in the system. For example, state employees in managed care will not initially be in the system.
- Mr. Zettel asked how the information was going to be deduplicated, particularly if the data was going to be sent to the vendor without identifying information. Ms. Nankivil Bennett reported that this process has yet to be developed, but at this point identifying information will be sent to the vendor. She said that the Board has discussed how long the vendor would hold the data in this event.

Mr. Zettel suggested that this was an opportunity to convert to electronic record for those still working with paper records. He suggested that a short-term entry-level service fee be assessed to use this system, which could help to develop a critical mass for use of this system. Ms. Nankivil Bennett said that they are looking into the value added in putting the data out in aggregate form.

Report on priority results from the Patient Care and Consumer Interests workgroups

Alison Bergum provided an overview of the process for developing a priority survey completed by both the Patient Care and Consumer Interests workgroups. The workgroup members completed the survey from both a provider and a consumer perspective. The Consumer Interests Workgroup selected four priority areas for staff to flesh out: (1) Access; (2) Security; (3) Communication; and (4) Decision Support. These priorities should be considered for each area delineated by HIPAA (treatment, health care operations, payment, and public health).

The Patient Care Workgroup looked at this from another perspective. The workgroup members identified access to medical care information across organizations as a top priority regardless of the perspective from which the survey was completed. The workgroup is now looking to prioritize the data they would most like to see available from the following:

- Identity/demographics/master person index
- Payers/insurance/coverage and eligibility
- Diagnosis
- Medications
- Emergency contact
- Immunizations
- Allergies
- Labs and other diagnostics (results reporting)
- Discharge summaries
- Advance directives

Final results will be available following the next Patient Care Workgroup meeting (July 18).

Discuss agenda for the July 20 face-to-face meeting

Mr. Zettel discussed a draft agenda that he had developed for the face-to-face meeting scheduled on July 20. He welcomed any suggestions or comments and asked that they be sent to Stacia Jankowski and himself.

Next Meeting

July 13, 2006, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.